(b) An Inter-State Crime Co-ordination Secretariat has been set up in the Headquarters of Delhi Police. A core group consisting of officers of the rank of Inspector General of Police from Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan, has also been constituted, which meets once in a month to share information about inter-state crimes and criminals and to seek assistance from the member States for their apprehension. This arrangement is working smoothly.

(c) A Study Group on "Integrated Law and Order Machinery for NCR" constituted under the overall concept of treating National Capital Region (NCR) as a Common Economic Zone has, *inter-alia*, recommended to National Capital Region Planning Board setting up of uniform police/ administrative system to control and monitor criminal activities on a regular basis in the NCR.

Bus robberies in Delhi

166. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a girl jumped off a moving bus to escape hooligans in Delhi on 6th September, 2002 as reported in the Hindu the dated 7th, September, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in Delhi well organised gangs are terrorising and robbing the bus-passengers; and

(d) if so, the steps so far taken and the steps proposed to be taken to contain bus robberies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, a girl who was travelling in a bus on her way to her college jumped from the bus (when it briefly halted at an intersection) after she was allegedly threatened by some knife weilding hoodlums and sustained minor injuries in the process. Based on her complaint a criminal case was registered by the local police and four of the accused persons were arrested.

(c) Delhi Police recently busted two such gangs which led to the arrest of 17 persons.

(d) The steps taken by Delhi Police to prevent crime in moving buses include deployment of policemen in plain clothes in the buses plying over vulnerable routes.; surprise checks at bus stops; encouraging the bus operators to report to the nearest police picket or PCR Van in case any person is found indulging in unlawful activities inside the bus; targeting of organized gangs operating in moving buses and their neutralization; increased patrolling and surveillance; and deployment of additional staff near educational institutions and other sensitive areas.

Promotion of junior engineers in MCD

167. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question No. 805 given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th July, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the said DPC which met in December, 1997 had recorded its finding declaring the said S.T. officer as 'Unfit';

(b) in case, his name was not coming within the extended zone of consideration, then how has the said DPC recorded him as 'Unfit';

(c) whether the Commissioner is following any mechanism to continuously evaluate the work of the lower functionaries; and

(d) if so, what is the final outcome on various aspects apprised by an M.P. vide her letter dated 6th August, 2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Departmental Promotion Committee in its meeting held on 9th December, 1997 did not consider the name of any Scheduled Tribes officer as no such officer was covered even within the extended zone of consideration. It was only in the subsequent meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee held on the 14th May, 1998 that one of the Scheduled Tribes officers, who was within the zone of consideration, was considered